in Trivandrum having been transferred more than four or five times during the course of the current year and, if so, will the Government be pleased to state the cause of such transfers?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the transfers of medical officers ordered during 1097 and the cost Government have incurred thereby?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) and(*b*) A statement* containing the information asked for is laid on the table. The officers transferred more than four or five times were mostly temporary men employed on relieving duty.

PROHIBITORY ASSESSMENT UNDER THE LAND CONSERVANCY REGULATION.

32. MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI: (*a*) Are the Government aware of the provision in the rules under the Land Conservancy Regulation regulating the levy of prohibitory assessment at ten times the normal rates of assessment *for the whole period of occupation*?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to reduce the amount of prohibitory assessment to twice the normal assessment?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to amend the rules so that prohibitory assessment need be realised only for three years or at least for five years as in the case of *puduval* arrears?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) (*b*) and (*c*) Rules 7 and 13 of the Rules under the Land Conservancy Regulation have been revised more or less on the lines suggested by the member and a copy of the Notification† amending the rules is laid on the table.

WORKING OF THE LAND CONSERVANCY REGULATION.

33. MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI: (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many irrigation tank beds and channel beds have been restored to their original condition by the eviction of trespassers under the provisions of the Land Conservancy Regulation, IV of 1091; and

(*b*) the extent of *poramboke* land recovered from unauthorised occupants and the amount of money realised from them by way of fines and prohibitory assessment from the 1st Chingam, 1092, the date on which the above Regulation came into force?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state if, in view of the provisions of Regulation IV of 1091 regarding fines (Section 6), levy of

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* Vide Appendix I—page 417.

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arrears of assessment (Section 7, part 1), the liability to summary eviction (Section 9), and the prohibition of suits in Civil Courts (Section 18), they will relax the rigours of the provisions as to the levy of prohibitory assessment and the highest rates of assessment in general by—

(*a*) fixing a maximum period of not more than 3 years for which prohibitory assessment may be levied; and

(*b*) modifying Rule 13 of Dis. No. 772 of 21 by lowering the rate of assessment for trees and investing revenue officers with powers to divide trees into *tarams* based on productivity?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (1) (*a*) & (*b*) The information required by the member has been called for and will be laid on the table when received.

(2) (*a*) & (*b*) The member is referred to the answer to Question No. 32.

PORAMBOKE LANDS.

34. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: (*a*) Are the Government aware that the G. O. on the subject of *porambokes*, No. 4111, dated the 5th Makaram, 1063, has not been brought into operation?

(*b*) Are the Government aware that, in the trial of *poramboke* cases, officers do not inspect such previous records as the *Ayacut* and the *Ozhugu*?

(*c*) Has it come to the knowledge of Government that, when parties to *poramboke* cases apply for copies of *Ayacut*, *Ozhugu* and other records for proving the registered character of the lands concerned, the copies are being withheld? If it has, do the Government intend taking any action to remedy the grievance?

(*d*) Are the Government aware that the imposition of prohibitive assessment and arrear assessment in *poramboke* cases impoverishes many of the ryots and causes considerable harm to agriculture? If they are, will they be pleased to state whether they intend to afford any relief to the ryots?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) The order was presumably in operation till the passing of the Land Conservancy Regulation, II of 1067 and the Rules thereunder. After the passing of the Regulation, the executive order would have become inoperative.

(*b*) Government have no information on the point.

(*c*) There was a representation on the subject at the last session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly and the Government are taking action on that representation.

(*d*) The member is referred to the answer to Question No. 32.

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